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2003 National Small Business Person of the Year Will Be Announced At Awards Luncheon Thursday

Thursday – September 18th – 12:15 pm to 2 pm

International Ballroom Center

Washington Hilton & Towers

1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009

WASHINGTON – The National Small Business Person of the Year and two runners-up will be announced Thursday at the National Awards Luncheon of the SBA's 50th Anniversary National Entrepreneurial Conference and Expo.

The national winners are selected from among the state Small Business Persons of the Year representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. The winners are selected on their record of stability, growth in employment and sales, financial condition, innovation, response to adversity, and community service.

National Press Conference Call with Winner Scheduled for 2:45 p.m.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: PRESS CONFERENCE WITH NATIONAL WINNER:

SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto and the National Small Business Person of the Year will be available for a conference call starting at 2:45 p.m. EDT Thursday, Sept. 18.

Call in number: 866-740-1260	Pass code: 205-7000
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(Lines will be limited to the first 40 callers. Please be prepared to identify yourself and your affiliation.)

On-site Press may also sit in and participate in the interview in the Bancroft Room.

The National Awards Luncheon will be Web cast live at www.sba.gov/50. Video on Demand will be available 24 hours after the event. Web cast will begin at 12:15 p.m. EDT.

For more information on the nominees visit the SBA Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/50/winners.html>

*Additional Information on **National Entrepreneurial Conference & Expo 2003** is available at <http://www.sba.gov/50/>. For more information about all of the SBA's programs for small businesses, call the SBA Answer Desk at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA or TDD 704-344-6640. Also, visit the SBA's extensive Web site at www.sba.gov.*

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